plaints from a broad spectrum of Indian citizen against the acts of omission and commission by employees and officers of foreign embassies and missions;

(b) whether it is also a fact that his ministry is very hesistant to communicate such complaints to their respective Governments for action;

(c) what is the aavilable machinery for Indian citizens to obtain justice in their dealings with foreign missions; and

(d) number of complaints pending with his ministry from Indian citizens specifically against foreign missions located in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) A few complaints from locally-recruited Indian employees of foreign Missions in New Delhi have been received.

(b) and (c) All such complaints are taken up by the Ministry with the concerned Missions and if need be, the Governments, in order to obtain justice for the Indian citizens.

(d) Due action has been taken in each case.

Kachhativu Island

505. SHRI JAGADISH JANI:

DR. NARREDDY THULASI REDDY:

SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA:

SHRI SOM PAL:

SHRIMATI MIRA DAS:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware of the pledge by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on the last Independence Day regarding Kachhativu Island which is under the possession of Sri Lanka;

(b) if so, what is the reaction of Government thereto;

(c) whether this disputed Island was handed over as a part of treaty to Sri Lanka; if so, when and how;

(d) whether the right of usage is available to Indian fishermen under the treaty; if so, whether this treaty is violated unilaterally; and

(e) how Government propose to settle this dispute?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) Yes, Sir. Attention of the Government has been drawn to press reports on the statement of 15 August 1991, by the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu on Kachhativu.

(b) to (e) There is no change in the Government's position with regard to the Indo-Sri Lanka Maritime Boundary Agreements of 1974 and 1976. While according to the Agreement of 1974, Kachhativu lies on the Sri Lanka side of the International Boundary Line, the two Agreements provide that fishing by the respective country's fishermen will be confined to their side of the International Boundary Line. However, traditional rights of our fishermen, understood to mean access to Kachhativu for drying their nets, for resting and for pilgrimage, were safeguarded under the Agreements, Government have regularly taken up with the Government of Sri Lanka the need to restore these rights, which have remained suspended since 1982 due to the security situation in the North-East Sri Lanka.

Observations of U. S. Ambassador to Pakistan

506. SHRI ASHOK NATH VERMA:

SHRI SHIV PRATAP MISHRA:

SHRI DHULESHWAR MEENA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have seen the reported observations of the U.S. Ambassador to Pakistan Mr. Robert